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## Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran/Military-Related Events in Iowa

This event listing is compiled by Jill Joseph, Outreach Coordinator, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. It provides information about veteran-related events as provided to the IDVA office. IDVA's endeavor is to ensure that interested individuals and organizations are aware of these events. An updated listing will be distributed on the first and middle of each month. ***Please send details on events, including the 11 key pieces of information outlined below, to: [jill.joseph@iowa.gov](mailto:jill.joseph@iowa.gov). We appreciate your efforts to submit information in the following order:***

**1. Name of Event, 2. Date of Event, 3. Time of Event, 4. Location of Event, 5. Address of Event, 6. City, 7. State, 8. Point of Contact, 9. POC's Phone #, 10. POC's email address, 11. Additional details/coordinating instructions**

### Listed Chronologically

## 2015

### September 2015

- ♦ **Central Iowa Co-Hosted VHA/VBA Town Hall, 1 September 2015**, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Des Moines Campus/Main Medical Facility, (Canteen – located in Building 1W), 3600 30<sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines, IA, Kristi Catrenich, 515-699-5588, [Kristi.catrenich@va.gov](mailto:Kristi.catrenich@va.gov). *Note: More details to follow.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 1 September 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, [saylordave1@aol.com](mailto:saylordave1@aol.com).
- ♦ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Meeting, 1 September 2015**, 7:00 pm, 111 Center Ave., Mitchellville, IA 50169, Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Post 155 meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm.*
- ♦ **Marine Corps League, Larry Nehring Detachment #103, 2 September 2015**, 6:30 p.m., PVA Building, 7025 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, George Kline-Commandant, 515-314-9955, [sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com](mailto:sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com); monthly meeting, dinner at 6:30; meeting at 7:30. Auxiliary meets at same time.
- ♦ **Veterans Stand-Down 2015, 4 September 2015**, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Veterans Memorial Stadium, 950 Rockford Rd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, POC Don Tyne, Linn County Veteran Affairs, 319-892-5160, [info@VetsStandDown.org](mailto:info@VetsStandDown.org). *Note: This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Five Seasons Stand-Down held for both veterans and non-veterans who are homeless or nearly homeless and veteran service organization members.*
- ♦ **Iowa Gold Star Museum Commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of World War II, 2 September 2015**, 6:30 pm Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Johnston, IA, 515-252-4531. *Note: The public & media are cordially invited to attend this event. Four speakers will be featured including two world war veterans and two family members of veterans: Jim Vermeer, Jerry Yellin, Ed Reed, and Wayne Brown. Admission is free.*

- ♦ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Meeting, 7 September 2015**, 6:30 pm, Swisher American Legion, 68 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, Swisher, IA, Roger Walton, 319-361-3670, [r.r.walton@mchsi.com](mailto:r.r.walton@mchsi.com). *Note: Meetings held the first Monday of each month.*
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- ♦ **National Veterans TEE Tournament (Training, Exposure, Experience), 7-11 September 2015**, various golf courses located in the Iowa City area, Kirt Sickels, 319-358-5963, [Kirt.Sickels@va.gov](mailto:Kirt.Sickels@va.gov); Media Contact: Lori Montag, 319-358-5962, [Lori.Montag@va.gov](mailto:Lori.Montag@va.gov), Valerie Buckingham, 319-339-7104, [Valerie.Buckingham@va.gov](mailto:Valerie.Buckingham@va.gov). *Note: A golf rehabilitation program as well as other recreational activities for veterans who are legally blind, amputees, those who use wheelchairs, and veterans with other disabilities. Golf events will take place at various courses located in the Iowa City area.*
- ♦ **Iowa Veterans Council meeting, 8 September 2015**, 1:00 p.m., Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St, Marshalltown, IA, POC: David Thornburg, 515-229-8943, [tankrockape@live.com](mailto:tankrockape@live.com). *Note: The Iowa Veterans Coalition meeting will follow the Council meeting. They will be discussing the Coalition 2016 legislative agenda.*
- ♦ **Sgt. Bluff American Legion Post 662 Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2015**, 7:30 pm., Sgt. Bluff's American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com), *Note: The post meets every first Monday of the month except on Labor Day Weekend we meet on the following Tuesday.*
- ♦ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 10 September 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, [amvetstpost2200@yahoo.com](mailto:amvetstpost2200@yahoo.com). *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ♦ **Marengo American Legion Post 76 Patriot – Day Hog Roast, 11 September 2015**, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Marengo American Legion, 1240 Lafayette Ave., Marengo, IA, Sam Slaymaker, 319-642-7230. *Note: Dine in, take out, or delivery available (within city limits of Marengo).*
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- ♦ **Veterans Day at the Clay County Fair, 14 September 2015**, 10:00 am (9:00 a.m. parade staging), 11:00 a.m. Veterans appreciation Program, Clay County Regional Events Center, Clay County Fairgrounds, 1401 4th Ave W, Spencer, IA, POC Parade: Darrel Tonderum, Parade Coordinator, 712-262-2302. *Note: Free admission for all military personnel and veterans (active, retired, guardsmen, reservists). They will honor the Air Force this year. Keynote speaker will be CMSgt Angie Vos, U.S. Air Force (ret). Veteran's information booth will be open during the entire fair (Sept. 12-20). Booth is located in the "Depot" (KICD/Train Station Building).*
- ♦ **VFW POST 9668 Monthly Business Meeting, 14 September 2015**, 7:00 p.m., VFW State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, Robert Forbes 515-778-6165, [vfwpost9668@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost9668@gmail.com).
- ♦ **VVA Chapter 490 General Meeting, 15 September 2015**, 7:00 pm, Bonanza Restaurant, 5029 NE 14<sup>th</sup>, Des Moines (Polk Co), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, [rogerelliott48@gmail.com](mailto:rogerelliott48@gmail.com). *Everyone is welcome. Bring your spouse and/or a friend. Arrive at 6:00 – 6:30 if you want to eat before the meeting.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9127 monthly post meeting, 15 September 2015**, 7:00 pm, 4029 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, 515-255-9804, [jerry@vfw9127.com](mailto:jerry@vfw9127.com), [www.vfw9127.com](http://www.vfw9127.com).
- ♦ **VFW Pella Post 5242 monthly meeting, 15 September 2015 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway Street, Pella, IA 50219, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, [vfw.patstark@gmail.com](mailto:vfw.patstark@gmail.com).

- ♦ **VFW Post 775 Monthly Meeting, 16 September 2015**, 6:00 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, [vfw775@hotmail.com](mailto:vfw775@hotmail.com). *Note: Monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday each month.*
- ♦ **Walk-N-Roll Health Fair, 17 September 2015**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, VACHHCS Des Moines Campus, Event Tent (behind Administrative Building 3), 3600 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA, Patti Kelly, 515-699-5999 x3475, [Patti.Kelly@va.gov](mailto:Patti.Kelly@va.gov). *Note: To promote wellness and health living habits: celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the MOVE! Program; kick off the influenza Prevention Campaign; learn more about VA programs that can help you reach your healthy lifestyle goals; fill up at a veteran-friendly farmer's market; feed your soul with veteran success stories, music, and alternative therapy demonstrations.*
- ♦ **Stand Down 2015 for Homeless Veterans, 17-18-19 September 2015 (Veterans Status Verified at Check-in)**, Registration hours: Thursday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Friday 7:00 am – 12:00 pm, Q.C.C.A. Expo Center, 2621 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL. *Note: to donate contact: Mike Malmstrom, 309-269-2012; to volunteer: Gloria Menzer, 309-593-4400 or [volunteer4standdown@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteer4standdown@yahoo.com); to support: Sarah Oliver, 563-370-1779. Services provided include food, clothing, haircuts, showers, medical, eye testing, human services, legal aid, employment assistance, hearing van, social security, VAC's, vet center, shelter referrals, disability claims, housing authority & more. Homeless veterans welcomed overnight.*
- ♦ **Note Date Change: Des Moines Stand-Down, 18, 19, 20 September 2015**. Stand-Down opens at 5:00 pm Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and closes on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Capitol Complex – East 13<sup>th</sup> & Walnut, Des Moines, IA, Kimberly Neal, 515-699-6999 ext. 4036, [Kimberly.neal@va.gov](mailto:Kimberly.neal@va.gov). *Note: Need a ride during stand down hours? – contact 515-326-4696. Support services offered: meals & clothing, HIV testing, military chaplains, legal information, VA claims, Vet center, haircuts, medical screenings, employment assistance.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9127 Monthly Friday Chef's Choice Dinner, 18 September 2015**, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, 4029 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, 515-255-9804, [jerry@vfw9127.com](mailto:jerry@vfw9127.com). *Note: visit website for current menu: [www.vfw9127.com](http://www.vfw9127.com).*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9127 Monthly Saturday Lunch – PIG Beaverfest Pig Roast, 19 September 2015**, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, 4029 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, 515-255-9804, [jerry@vfw9127.com](mailto:jerry@vfw9127.com). *Note: visit website for current menu: [www.vfw9127.com](http://www.vfw9127.com).*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9127 Bake Sale & Breakfast, 20 September 2015**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 4029 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, 515-255-9804, [jerry@vfw9127.com](mailto:jerry@vfw9127.com), [www.vfw9127.com](http://www.vfw9127.com). *Note: all you can eat for \$7.00, buffet includes juice or milk; children \$3.00.*
- ♦ **DAV Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting, 20 September, 2015**, 5:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy 641-684-6373, [jmulca46@msn.com](mailto:jmulca46@msn.com). *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
- ♦ **VVA Chapter 667 Monthly Meeting, 20 September, 2015**, 5:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Bill Farley 641-929-3326, [bjfarley@netins.net](mailto:bjfarley@netins.net). *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
- ♦ **Honor Flight of the Quad Cities - #33, 24 September 2015**, leaving for Washington, DC @ 7:00 a.m., Quad City International Airport; return 10:00 p.m. same day, Margie Hansen, 563-388-3271. *Note: Group will include WWII, Korea, and terminal Vietnam veterans.*
- ♦ **Wounded Warrior Charity Draft Tournament, 25-27 September 2015**, Friday Evening, all day Saturday & Sunday, Friday & Saturday at Walker Johnston Softball Complex, 9000 Douglas Ave., Urbandale, IA; Sunday at Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines, IA, POC Spencer Black, 515-554-4204, [Cover\\_my\\_6@yahoo.com](mailto:Cover_my_6@yahoo.com). *Note: Cover My 6 Foundation is hosting a charity softball tournament to benefit Central Iowa service men and women. As part of the event, they have brought the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team to play 2 exhibition teams. There will be a meet & greet with the WWAST on Friday & an exhibition game on Saturday & Sunday. Visit <http://woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org> and [www.covermy6foundation.com](http://www.covermy6foundation.com) for further details. No cost – so please come out and support the event.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9127 Monthly Friday Chef's Choice Dinner, 25 September 2015**, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, 4029 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, 515-255-9804, [jerry@vfw9127.com](mailto:jerry@vfw9127.com). *Note: visit website for current menu: [www.vfw9127.com](http://www.vfw9127.com).*
- ♦ **English River Outfitters Open House & BBQ, 26 September 2015**, all day, 2564 305<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, IA, chuck Geertz, 563-357-4923, [chuckgeertz@englishriveroutfitters.org](mailto:chuckgeertz@englishriveroutfitters.org). *Note: Open House, BBQ, raffles, door prizes, 50/50 music. Visit ERO's website: [www.englishriveroutfitters.org](http://www.englishriveroutfitters.org) for more information about ERO and what they do to help disabled veterans.*
- ♦ **Oktemberfest Parade – Veterans Entry, 26 September 2015**, 9:30 am, West Main & 10<sup>th</sup> Street area (beginning of parade), Marshalltown, IA, sponsored by VFW Harry c. Harter Post 839, 107 E. Meadow Lane, Marshalltown, 641-753-9548, [vajohnson1172@yahoo.com](mailto:vajohnson1172@yahoo.com). *Note: All veterans are welcome. The parade serves as a welcome home and thank you to veterans!*

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- ♦ **IA-ACME 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa Statewide Veterans Conference, 28 September 2015**, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, Memorial Union, 3578 Memorial Union, Iowa State University, Jathan Chicoine, 515-294-9801, [veteranscenter@iastate.edu](mailto:veteranscenter@iastate.edu) or Kara Berg, 515-294-2296, [kjberg@iastate.edu](mailto:kjberg@iastate.edu). *Note: This year's theme is "Learning to Return Services." Keynote speaker will be Major General Timothy E. Orr, Iowa National Guard, Adjutant General. Breakout sessions and a resource fair will be held throughout the day. For more details and to register, visit: <http://www.veterans.iastate.edu/conference>*

## October 2015

- ♦ **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the U.S. Army 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association, 2-3-4 October 2015**, Residence Inn by Marriott, 3040 Eagandale Place, Eagan, MN 55121, 651-688-0363, POC for any questions MAJ Kristen Auge, 952-913-5979, [Kristen.l.auge.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Kristen.l.auge.mil@mail.mil) or Mike Musel, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, 515-727-3216. *Note: Detail information is listed on the Association WEB site and Facebook page.*
- ♦ **Veterans Appreciation Tailgate, 3 October 2015**, one hour prior to kick off of football game (TBA), Kinnick Stadium, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Gary Boseneiler, 319-356-6049, [gbosenei@co.johnson.ia.us](mailto:gbosenei@co.johnson.ia.us).
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- ♦ **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Flaughless 5K, Saturday 10 October 2015**, 10:00 am, Riverside Park, North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vinton, IA, Georgia Sysouchanh, 319-329-6275, [flaughless@gmail.com](mailto:flaughless@gmail.com). *Note: Register online at [www.floughless.com](http://www.floughless.com). Military registration fee is \$15.00. The Flaughless 5K was started by Dan's friends and family in memory of Dan Flaugh, a life-long Vinton resident & former U.S. Army soldier who served in Baghdad, Iraq. After returning, Dan struggled with PTSD and took his own life in December 2011 at the age of 25. Proceeds from the event benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.*
- ♦ **"Dinner at The Legion", October 10, 2015**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., Sgt. Bluff's American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com). Menu: BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Cheese Potatoes, Salad Bar, Assorted Drinks and Deserts.
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- ♦ **University of Dubuque Sergeant Jeffrey B. Dodge Veteran Center Dedication & Open House, 17 October 2015**, 9:30 am – 10:30 am and 10:30 am – 12:00pm, dedication ceremony on the Univ. of Dubuque Quad; Open House Veterans Center, Blades Hall, University of Dubuque, 2000 University Ave., Dubuque, IA, POC Rick Ernst, Veterans Coordinator, 563-589-3366/563-543-9732,

[rernst@dbq.edu](mailto:rernst@dbq.edu). Note: SGT Jeff Dodge C'68 was a KIA in Vietnam. Refreshments & fellowship will be held at the Veterans Center in Blades Hall immediately following the dedication ceremony.

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- ♦ **Military Retiree Appreciation Day, 24 October 2015**, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. POC MSG (Ret) Rennie Waech, 563-508-5123, [rpwaech@hawkeyes1.com](mailto:rpwaech@hawkeyes1.com) or [gcmrad@gmail.com](mailto:gcmrad@gmail.com) for additional info. Note: Sponsored by the Quad Cities Military Retiree Council and the Retirement Services Office, Ft McCoy, WI. Military retirees of ALL services & guests are encouraged to attend. There will be briefings & updates on National Retiree legislations, Delta Dental, VA benefits/issues, TRICARE, Long-term insurance, etc. Military ID cards will be issued/updated by making an appointment with the Rock Island Arsenal: 309-782-0596. Commissary and PX facilities are available throughout the day.
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- ♦ **Public Screening of the Rory Kennedy documentary "Last Days of Vietnam" along with Question & Answer session with William Albracht, decorated Vietnam veterans, author of "Abandon in Hell," 17 November 2015**, 7:00 pm, Butler Hall, Heritage

Center, University of Dubuque, 2000 University Ave., Dubuque, IA, Rick Ernst, Veterans Coordinator, 563-589-3267/563-543-9732, [rernt@dbq.edu](mailto:rernt@dbq.edu). *Note: Free admission complimentary tickets are required for admission and may be obtained through Heritage Center's Farber box office Monday through Friday from 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm; by phone 563-585-HOW; online [www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter](http://www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter).*

- ◆ **“Letters Home” – Theatrical performance brings Afghanistan & Iraq wars front and center by brining to life actual letters written by soldiers serving in the Middle East, 18 November 2015**, 6:30 pm, Butler Hall, Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, 2000 University Ave., Dubuque, IA, Rick Ernst, Veterans Coordinator, 563-589-3366/563-543-9732, [rernt@dbq.edu](mailto:rernt@dbq.edu). *Note: Tickets are \$0-\$24.00; all military and retirees are eligible for free admission (2 tickets each) with military ID. Tickets are available and required for admission and may be obtained through Heritage Center's Farber box office Monday through Friday from 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or line [www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter](http://www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter).*
- ◆ **Marine Corps League, Larry Nehring Detachment #103, 24 November 2015**, 6:30 p.m., PVA Building, 7025 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, George Kline-Commandant, 515-314-9955, [sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com](mailto:sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com); monthly meeting, dinner at 6:30; meeting at 7:30. Auxiliary meets at same time.
- ◆ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Pancake Breakfast, (Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk & coffee, all you can eat) 7 November 2015**, 7:00-10:00 am, 111 Center Ave, Mitchellville, IA 50169, , Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Adults-\$5.00 kids 5-12-\$2.00, kids 4 and under are free.*
- ◆ **Iowa Military Veterans Band “Star Spangled Salute to Veterans” Concert, 8 November 2015**, 3:00 pm, Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines, IA, [www.iowamilitaryveteransband.com](http://www.iowamilitaryveteransband.com). *Note: The concert is free and open to the public.*

### ◆ Veterans Day, Wednesday, 11 Nov 2015

- ◆ **Davenport Veterans Day Parade, 11 November 2015**, 10:00 am, 4<sup>th</sup> & Western Scott County parking lots (start of parade route), Davenport (Scott), IA
- ◆ **Wright County Freedom Rock Dedication, 11 November 2015**, *time to be announced later*, Dows, IA, Christine Oliver, 515-602-6208, [coliver@co.wright.ia.us](mailto:coliver@co.wright.ia.us).
- ◆ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 12 November 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, [amvetspost2200@yahoo.com](mailto:amvetspost2200@yahoo.com). *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ◆ **DAV Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting, 15 November, 2015**, 5:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy 641-684-6373, [jmulca46@msn.com](mailto:jmulca46@msn.com). *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
- ◆ **VVA Chapter 667 Monthly Meeting, 15 November, 2015**, 5:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Bill Farley 641-929-3326, [bifarley@netins.net](mailto:bifarley@netins.net). *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
- ◆ **VVA Chapter 490 General Meeting, 17 November 2015**, 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Bonanza Restaurant, 5029 NE 14<sup>th</sup>, Des Moines (Polk Co), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, [rogerelliott48@gmail.com](mailto:rogerelliott48@gmail.com). *Everyone is welcome. Bring your spouse and/or a friend. Arrive at 6:00 – 6:30 if you want to eat before the meeting.*
- ◆ **VFW Pella Post 5242 monthly meeting, 17 November 2015 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway Street, Pella, IA 50219, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, [vfw.patstark@gmail.com](mailto:vfw.patstark@gmail.com).
- ◆ **VFW Post 775 Monthly Meeting, 18 November 2015**, 6:00 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, [vfw775@hotmail.com](mailto:vfw775@hotmail.com). *Note: Monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday each month.*

### December 2015

- ◆ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Meeting, 1 December 2015**, 7:00 pm, 111 Center Ave., Mitchellville, IA 50169, Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Post 155 meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm.*
- ◆ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Pancake Breakfast, (Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk & coffee, all you can eat) 5 December 2015**, 7:00-10:00 am, 111 Center Ave, Mitchellville, IA 50169, , Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Adults-\$5.00 kids 5-12-\$2.00, kids 4 and under are free.*

- ♦ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Meeting, 7 December 2015**, 6:30 pm, Swisher American Legion, 68 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, Swisher, IA, Roger Walton, 319-361-3670, [r.r.walton@mchsi.com](mailto:r.r.walton@mchsi.com). *Note: Meetings held the first Monday of each month.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 7 December 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, [saylordave1@aol.com](mailto:saylordave1@aol.com).
- ♦ **VFW POST 9668 Monthly Business Meeting, 7 December 2015**, 7:00 p.m., VFW State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, Robert Forbes 515-778-6165, [vfwpost9668@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost9668@gmail.com).
- ♦ **Sgt. Bluff American Legion Post 662 Monthly Meeting, Monday, December 7, 2015**, 7:30 pm., Sgt. Bluff's American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com). *Note: The post meets every first Monday of the month.*
- ♦ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 10 December 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, [amvetspost2200@yahoo.com](mailto:amvetspost2200@yahoo.com). *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ♦ **Wreaths Across America, 12 December 2015**, 11:00 a.m., Iowa Veterans Cemetery, I-80 – exit 113, Van Meter, IA, 515-996-9048.
- ♦ **Marine Corps Birthday Ball , hosted by Larry Nehring Detachment #103, 14 November 2015**, 6:30 p.m., Top of the Tower at Downtown Holiday Inn, 1050 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, George Kline-Commandant, 515-314-9955, [sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com](mailto:sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com). Celebrate the 239<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps. \$40 per person for dinner, program, and dancing. Reservations required.
- ♦ **VVA Chapter 490 General Meeting, 15 December 2015**, 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Bonanza Restaurant, 5029 NE 14<sup>th</sup>, Des Moines (Polk Co), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, [rogerelliott48@gmail.com](mailto:rogerelliott48@gmail.com). *Everyone is welcome. Bring your spouse and/or a friend. Arrive at 6:00 – 6:30 if you want to eat before the meeting.*
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- ♦ **VFW Post 775 Monthly Meeting, 16 December 2015**, 6:00 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, [vfw775@hotmail.com](mailto:vfw775@hotmail.com). *Note: Monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday each month*
- ♦ **DAV Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting, 20 December, 2015**, 5:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy 641-684-6373, [jmulca46@msn.com](mailto:jmulca46@msn.com). *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
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## 2016

### February 2016

- ♦ **"Dinner at The Legion", February 13, 2016**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., Sgt. Bluff's American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com). Menu: Smoked Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Salad Bar, Assorted Drinks and Deserts

### March 2016

- ♦ **"Dinner at The Legion", March 12, 2016**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., Sgt. Bluff's American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com). Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Buttered Corn, Salad Bar, Assorted Drinks and Deserts

### April 2016

- ♦ **"Dinner at The Legion", April 9, 2016**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., Sgt. Bluff's American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com). Menu: Roasted Pork Loins, Baked Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Assorted Drinks and Deserts.

## May 2016

- ♦ “Dinner at The Legion”, **May 14, 2016**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., Sgt. Bluff’s American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com).  
Menu: Chicken Alfredo and Noodles, Sautéed Squash and Zucchini, Salad Bar, Assorted Drinks and Deserts.

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